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# Improving for the Year 2000

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The Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine has been making improvements and getting a facelift as we plunge into the year 2000. The first of the major changes is the addition of a new café.

The café opened for the spring semester. It serves muffins, bagels, coffee, hot tea, and hot chocolate in the mornings. The lunch menu includes a soup of the day, deli style sandwiches, potato chips, soda, and cookies. You can build your own sandwich - choosing from different breads, meats, cheeses, and toppings - or pick one of their specials. My personal favorite is the turkey and provolone on pesto bread.

The café held a naming contest. Students and faculty submitted suggestions, and then votes were cast for the finalists. Nominations ranged from "The Feedbag," "The Happy Pylorus Café," and "The Beast Row," to "Veterinary Vittles" and "The Gentle Doctor Café." After all the votes were cast the winner was "The Gentle Doctor Café."

Prior to the opening of the café, students and faculty did not have access to any hot meals at the school. "Vendoland,"

as the old cafeteria was lovingly called, provided sandwiches, candy, and chips in vending machines. The vending machines are still present so if you just can not make it through surgery lab without a Snickers,

you can still purchase one. The café is open at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 6:30 p.m., so the vending machines also supply hunger needs during the times the café is not open. Dr. Karen Kline, neurologist in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, commented on the café stating, "It's very nice and convenient to be able to run up and grab something, especially at night when you need a boost of caffeine from the *real* coffee." Students, faculty, and staff really seem to be enjoying the change.

The management of the café said they make approximately one hundred sand-

wiches over the noon hour. I would say it's a hit! In order to make more room for seating, tables replaced the booths in Vendoland. The classroom closest to the café was also remodeled. The permanently fixed desks were replaced with long tables and chairs. In addition to adding lunch-time seating, the room is now more versatile and able to accommodate many other school activities.



**Vendoland was remodeled and later named the Gentle Doctor Café (above). It opened earlier this year. The neighboring classroom, Room 2226 (below), was also remodeled with tables and a brighter decor.**



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